Emphasis is also being given for closure of sparsely used unmanned level crossings suggesting their merger with another crossing/Road Over Bridge/Road Under Bridge in close proximity where the traffic can be easily diverted.

(d) Details of unmanned level crossing accidents on East Coast Railway during 2006-07 are as under:

Sl. No.	Date	Division	Block Section	Train No.	Brief Particulars	Casualty	Cause
1.	4.5.06	Sambalpur	Loisingha-Balangir	8005	While the train was on run one tractor dashed against the train	Killed-3	Negligence by road users
2.	5.7.06	Khurda Rd	Malatipat-ur-Puri	Rath Yatra Special	While the train was on run one Car dashed against the train	Killed-1 Injured-6	Negligence by road users
3.	25.11.06	Sambalpur	Mandirhar sud-Lakholi	8426	While the train was on run one Car dashed against the train	Killed-2	Negligence by road users

Election by secret ballot under supervision of department of labour

†1300. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether secret ballot for giving recognition to union is being conducted under supervision of the Department of labour as per order of Supreme Court;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether exemption has been sought from Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. There are no such orders from Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(b) and (c) The Hon'ble High Court Madras and Hon'ble Supreme Court had directed to determine the exclusive membership of Railway employees for the recognition of unions through secret ballot on the pattern of Food Corporation of India election which were conducted under the supervision of Chief Labour Commissioner. However, while discussing modalities for holding of elections, a decision was taken by Ministry of Railways not to involve Ministry of Labour for supervision of conducting Secret Ballot. No exemption from Court was necessary.

Increasing the passenger amenities at stations

†1301. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.